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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Agnes B Rooke

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 14-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-11 and 14-17 are pending.

Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, Claims 1-10 and 14-17 in the reply filed on April 1, 2005 is acknowledged.

The traversal is on the ground that the PTO has not established that it would pose an undue burden to examine the full scope of the application. Examiner respectfully disagrees because the search of all the claims would constitute an undue burden on the examiner. Two separate searches must be performed because inventions of Group I and Group II are distinct since the polypeptides of Group I can be used in a materially different process such as generating antibodies, and thus the search required for Group I is not required for Group II. Further, each different peptide sequence is considered distinct one from the other on the basis of physical, chemical and biological properties and functions, and therefore an additional election of a peptide was properly required.

The restriction requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made Final.

Claim 11 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected claims.

Claims 1-10 and 14-17 are currently under examination.

A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144).

Prior Art Search Results

Examiner performed search of the elected amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) by using the U.S. PTO search engine, and the elected sequence appears to be novel.

Priority Data

Applicant claims priority to a DIV application of 09/445,214, filed on 05/03/2000, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP98/03356, filed on 06/05/1998. The foreign priority is given to GERMANY 197 24 791.1, filed on 06/06/1997.

Specification

On page 1 of the specification, in the first paragraph, the current continuation and priority data for the instant application must be provided.

The amendment to the specification filed on 10/29/2003 is acknowledged and it does not constitute a new matter.

Drawings

There is only one drawing and it does not have a title or assigned Figure number. Figure numbering must be consistent with the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-10 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Since patents are not granted to products of nature, a peptide claimed must be isolated or purified. Thus, proper correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-10 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph because they contain non elected subject matter in the claims.

Conclusion

No Claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Agnes Rooke whose telephone number is 571-272-2055. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached on 571-272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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